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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations to you on your election to the National Academy of Sciences. I am not sure that you are the youngest person to be elected to the Academy, but I am rather sure that you are certainly in a very small group insofar as youthfulness in the Academy is concerned. However, your record of research accomplishment has been so outstanding that it was necessary to overlook your age.

May I take this occasion to direct your attention to the Proceedings of the Academy and the fact that members of the Academy may publish communications therein without further editorial supervision. This right to publish what one chooses together with the rapid publication makes the Proceedings quite attractive as a place in which to publish communications of research advances.

I hope things westward continue to develop satisfactorily for there is much of mutual interest. Please do not hesitate to call on me if there is any way in which I can be helpful.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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